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FOR: METHODS OF TREATING PRION DISEASE IN MAMMALS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants respond as follows to Office Action dated January 14, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 15 without prejudice.

*B<sup>1</sup>*  
1. (amended) A method of treating a prion disease in a mammal, comprising administering a prion protein denaturing effective agent to the mammal and inducing hyperthermia in the mammal.

*B<sup>2</sup>*  
16. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said hyperthermia is produced through applying microwave energy.

*17*  
17. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said hyperthermia is induced by administering pyrogenic material to the mammal.

Please add the following new claims.